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Further to our letter of 1 February 1991 (S/22192), and in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 678 (1990), Canadian Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf region continue to participate with other members of the United Nations in military action to enforce Iraqi compliance with resolution 660 (1990) and all subsequent relevant resolutions.

Aircraft of the Canadian Forces continue to provide air defence of multinational shipping in the Persian Gulf. In addition, the aircraft are conducting air-to-ground missions against Iraqi military targets in Kuwait and southern Iraq in support of the multinational enforcement action.

Her Majesty's Canadian ships continue to support multinational naval operations in the central and southern Persian Gulf. In addition to escort and logistics support, the ships have conducted a total of 1,855 interceptions and 22 boardings of international shipping while enforcing the United Nations sanctions programme against Iraq.

The Canadian field hospital is in the final stages of its deployment to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and it is expected to be complete by 28 February. Two advanced surgical teams from the hospital are already in operation with British Forces medical units to assist in the care and treatment of all casualties of war in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

Canada has deployed an oil spill clean-up assessment team to Bahrain and Qatar and is responding to requests for material and technical expertise to assist those countries. Canadian Forces aircraft have assisted in the air movement of German clean-up material from Europe to the Gulf.

Canada has informed the Secretary-General of its preparedness and capabilities to assist the United Nations in the Gulf once Iraq has complied with the applicable United Nations Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you could have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative